

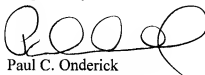
REMARKS

Claims 20-50 are pending. By this amendment claims 31, 45 and 48 are amended. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant requests that claims 32-36, 46 and 49-50 be withdrawn. Claim 48 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement to the extent that it indicates that no claims are generic. At least claims 20 and 39 are generic in view of the amendments made to claims 31 and 45 in this response. Claims 32-36, now depend from claims 20. Claims 46 and 49-50 now depend from claim 39. These claims would be patentable if generic claims 20 or 39 are allowed and should be rejoined in the application if the generic claims from which they depend are found to be allowable.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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